

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (*withdrawn*) A rinse-out non-emulsion hair-care composition comprising (a) a silicone elastomer selected from the group consisting of crosslinked silicone elastomers and silicone elastomer powders, the silicone elastomer being present in an amount effective to deposit a sebum-absorbing level of said crosslinked silicone elastomer on the hair or scalp after the composition has been applied to the hair or scalp; (b) a water dispersible or water soluble ethoxylated ester; (c) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, cationic, amphoteric, zwitterionic, and ampholytic surfactants present in an amount effective to provide its intended benefit, and (d) at least about 20 wt % water.

2. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 1, wherein said silicone elastomer is a dimethicone crosspolymer, an organopolysiloxane, a dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer, a dimethicone copolyol cross polymer, and any combination thereof.

3. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 2, wherein the ethoxylated ester is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to 20 wt %, based on the total weight of the composition, the ester having an HLB of about 8.5 and above.

4. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 3, wherein the HLB of the ester is about 10 and above.

5. (*withdrawn*) The composition or claim 3, wherein the ester is selected from the group consisting of PEG-7 oliveate, PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, PEG-9 cocoglyceride, PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate, PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate,

triglyceriol laurate, glycereth-26 trioctanoate, polyglycerol-3 laurate, sucrose laurate, sucrose palmitate, sucrose stearate, and dimethicone copolyol undecylenate.6. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 4, wherein the ethoxylated ester is selected from the group consisting of PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate, PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate, triglyceriol laurate, and sucrose stearate.

7. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 5, wherein the ester is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 5 wt %.

8. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 3, wherein the silicone elastomer is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 5 wt %, by weight of the total composition.

9. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 1, comprising from about 5 to about 30 wt % of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic and nonionic surfactants.

10. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is a shampoo.

11. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 1, comprising from about 0.1 to about 20 wt % of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of cationic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants.

12. (*withdrawn*) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is a hair conditioner.

13. (*cancelled*)

14. (*currently amended*) The method of claim ~~13~~ 24, wherein said silicone elastomer is a dimethicone crosspolymer, ~~an organopolysiloxane~~

Polysiloxane-11, a dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer, and any combination thereof.

15. (*currently amended*) The method of claim 26, wherein the ester is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to ~~40~~ 5 wt %.

16. (*previously presented*) The method of claim 15, wherein the HLB of the ester is about 10 and above.

17. (*previously presented*) The method of claim 16, wherein the ester is selected from the group consisting of PEG-7 oliveate, PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, PEG-9 cocoglyceride, PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate, PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate, triglycerol laurate, glycereth-26 trioctanoate, polyglyceryl-3 laurate, sucrose laurate, sucrose palmitate, sucrose stearate, dimethicone copolyol undecylenate, and mixtures thereof.

18. (*previously presented*) The method of claim 17, wherein the ester is selected from the group consisting of PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate, PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate, triglycerol laurate, sucrose stearate, and mixtures thereof.

19. (*previously presented*) The method of claim 15, wherein the silicone elastomer is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 1 wt %, by weight of the total composition.

20. (*currently amended*) The method of claim ~~13~~ 25, comprising from about 5 to about 30 wt % of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic and nonionic surfactants.

21. (*original*) The method of claim 20, wherein the composition is a shampoo.

22. (*currently amended*) The method of claim ~~43~~ 25 comprising from about 0.1 to about 20 wt % of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of cationic, amphoteric and zwitterionic surfactants.

23. (*original*) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition is a conditioner.

24. (*currently amended*) A method of treating hair comprising: applying to scalp hair a rinse-out ~~non-emulsion~~ hair-care composition comprising by weight of the composition (a) from about 0.01 to about 5 wt % of a one or more non-emulsifying crosslinked silicone elastomers and silicone elastomer powders selected from the group consisting of a dimethicone crosspolymer, an organopolysiloxane, a dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer, a dimethicone copolyol crosspolymer, ~~and any combination thereof~~, the silicone elastomer being present in an amount effective to deposit a sebum-absorbing level of said crosslinked silicone elastomer on the hair or scalp after the composition has been applied to the hair or scalp; (b) a at least one water dispersible or water soluble ester selected from the group consisting of PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate, PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate, triglycerol laurate, and sucrose stearate, ~~and mixtures thereof~~, the ester being present in an amount of from about 0.1 to 20 wt %, the ester having an HLB of about 10 and above; (c) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, cationic, amphoteric, zwitterionic, and ampholytic surfactants ~~present in an amount effective to provide its intended benefit~~, and (d) at least about 20 wt % water; and thereafter rinsing the hair to remove said composition.

25. (*new*) A method for deterring the build up of sebum on the surface of scalp hair, thereby maintaining the scalp hair in a cleaner state between shampoos, comprising:

(a) forming a rinse-off hair care composition selected from the group consisting of shampoos and conditioners, comprising

(i) about 0.01 to about 5 wt% of one or more non-emulsifying silicone elastomers selected from the group consisting of crosslinked silicone elastomers and silicone elastomer powders, the silicone elastomer being present in an amount effective to deposit a sebum-absorbing level of said crosslinked silicone elastomer on the hair or scalp;

(ii) about 0.1 to 20 wt% of at least one water dispersible or water soluble ester selected from the group consisting of olive oil esters, polyethylene glycol ester, polyglycerol esters, sucrose esters, silicone esters, and mixtures thereof, said ester having an HLB of about 8.5 and above;

(iii) about 0.1 to about 25 wt % of at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, cationic, zwitterionic, and ampholytic surfactants; and

(iv) at least about 20 wt% water.

(b) contacting the scalp hair with said hair care composition to form treated scalp hair;

(c) contacting the treated scalp hair with a sufficient amount of water to rinse off the hair care composition from the treated scalp hair; and

(d) drying or allowing the scalp hair to dry;

wherein the dried treated scalp hair deters the build-up of sebum on the hair surface thereby maintaining the treated scalp hair in a cleaner state between shampoos.

26. (new) The composition of claim 25, wherein said silicone elastomer is a dimethicone crosspolymer, an organopolysiloxane, a dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer, and any combination thereof.

27. (new) The composition of claim 26, wherein said silicone elastomer is a dimethicone crosspolymer, a dimethicone/vinyldimethicone crosspolymer, and any combination thereof.

28. (new) The composition of claim 27, wherein said silicone elastomer is a dimethicone/vinyldimethicone crosspolymer, and wherein the at least one ester is selected from the group consisting of PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate, PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate, and triglycerol laurate.